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Iraqi police graduate 189 from advanced training courses

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 189 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility, May 12, as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 48 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 30 graduates, Internal Controls Investigation with 28 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 35 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 32 graduates and Executive Leadership with 16 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Participants also receive instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. 1,606 police officers have previously completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

The Interviews & Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. 320 students previously completed this course.

Internal Controls provides training on how to deal with personnel complaints and allegations, as well as police conduct in general. Training includes the processing of complaints and conducting follow-up investigations to determine the facts of allegations made against members of the Iraqi Police Service. 639 officers have previously graduated from this course.

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Critical Incident Management is designed to provide participants with the understanding of and application skills for managing critical incidents. 204 students previously graduated this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes against persons cases such as armed robbery, rape and murder. 224 students have previously graduated this course.

Executive Leadership covers executive level concepts of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting and budgeting. Other topics include visionary leadership, organizational values, interpersonal communication skills, motivational techniques and strategies, along with strategic planning. 222 officers have previously graduated from this course.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an eight-week basic training course for new recruits or a three-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for prior-service officers.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

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